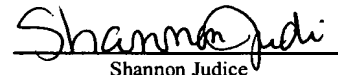


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In re Application of:                      Branden Clark Bickley et al.  
Date Filed:                                  July 10, 2003  
Title:    *Method, System and Facility for Controlling Resource  
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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/800,046 filed March 5, 2001, by Branden Clark Bickley et al., and entitled "*Method, System and Facility for Controlling Resource Allocation within a Manufacturing Environment*," be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not being furnished. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Applicants believe no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2573.

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	G.	4821197	4/11/89	Kenik et al.	364	468	4/22/87
	H.	4823233	4/18/89	Brown et al.	361	383	12/24/84
	I.	4866628	9/12/89	Natarajan	364	468	12/18/87
	J.	4894908	1/23/90	Haba, Jr. et al.	29	711	9/30/98
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	K.	5218510	06/08/93	Bradford	361	220	09/23/91
	L.	5229948	7/20/93	Wei et al.	364	468	11/3/90
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	E.	5327354	07/05/94	Tsujimoto	364	478	07/30/93
	F.	5344024	9/6/94	Cohu	206	526	9/28/93
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